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SUBJECT: GOC NOTE ON TYMBOU (ERCAN) AIRPORT

1. IN NOTE VERBALE DATED FEBRUARY 27, 1975, GOC MFA ADVISES
ALL ACCREDITED DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS THAT TYMBOU AIRFIELD,
RECHRISTENED ERCAN AIRPORT BY TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES, IS
"NOT AN APPROVED AERODROME UNDER CYPRUS LEGISLATION AND NOT A
DESIGNATED CUSTOMS AIRPORT UNDER INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION
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CONVENTION." NOTE REQUESTS MISSIONS "REFRAIN FROM HAVING ANY

DEALINGS WHATSOEVER WITH THE ILLEGAL SO-CALLED 'CYPRUS TURKISH AIRLINE.'"

2. NOTE STATES THAT "ANY PERSONS ENTERING THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS THROUGH THE ABOVE 'ERCAN AIRPORT' OR ANY OTHER 'PORT' WITHIN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY WILL BE AN ILLEGAL VISITOR LIABLE TO PROSECUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF CYPRUS."

3. NOTE ALSO MENTIONS THAT LARNACA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS NOW IN OPERATION.

4. COMMENT: WE ANTICIPATE THAT TURKISH AUTHORITIES WILL REPLY IN KIND WITH REGARD TO LARNACA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY DECLARING IT AN ILLEGAL PORT OF ENTRY FOR PERSONS WISHING TO TRAVEL IN THE TURKISH CONTROLLED AREA OF CYPRUS. WHEN GOC DECLARED FAMAGUSTA, KYRENIA AND KARAVOSTASI ILLEGAL SEAPORTS OF ENTRY LAST OCTOBER, TURKISH CYPRIOTS REPLIED WITH SIMILAR LAW REGARDING LIMASSOL, LARNACA AND PAPHOS. THIS NOTE ON TYMBOU/ERCAN AIRFIELD, AND PRESUMED TURKISH CYPRIOT RIPOSTE, WILL FURTHER HARDEN DIVISION OF ISLAND. CYPRUS TURKISH AIRLINES PROVIDES DAILY AIR SERVICE TO ANKARA AND/OR ADANA. END COMMENT.

5. FULL TEXT OF NOTE BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES.
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